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[X] Document WO2004/084104 is a related application to the international application PCT/EP03/03162, of which the present application is a national phase application, directed to common subject matter, with a common applicant and a common inventor. US20060178891 is the English equivalent of WO2004/084104.

[X] The submitted documents US20020005775, DE10028980, DE19935537, FR2719931, and DE4033054 were previously cited in the International Search Report of the international application PCT/EP03/03162 of which the present application is a national phase filing. The International Search Report of the international application PCT/EP03/03162 is also cited herein.

[X] The submitted documents EP0991039, US4882724, DE10028980, WO1993/004449, and WO1998/038589 were previously cited in the International Search Report of the international application WO2004/084104 of which the present application is related, as described herein. The International Search Report of the international application PCT/EP2004/002697, which is the international application WO2004/084104, is also cited herein.

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